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Money spent on the Labour Department and for the amelioration of depressed classes.

* 119 Q.—Mr. R. VEERIAN: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(a) the actual amount of money spent during the past three years for maintaining the establishment alone of the Labour Department in the city as well as in other districts together with the amount set apart for same for the year 1925-26; and

(b) the amount of money actually spent during the past three years for the amelioration alone of the depressed classes in the city as well as in other districts together with the amount set apart for same for the year 1925-26?

A.—(a) & (b) Two statements furnishing the information required are laid on the table of the House.^a

Emigration.

Inspection of places of accommodation of coolies in Bellary and Anantapur.

* 120 Q.—Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state whether the Government have appointed any non-official visitors and, if so, whom, to inspect the places of accommodation in Bellary and Anantapur districts where the coolies are kept prior to their despatch to Assam?

A.—The answer is in the negative.

Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR:—“In view of the fact that a large volume of opinion has been growing up against this recruitment of coolies, will the Government be pleased to appoint some non-official visitor to each of the districts?”

The hon. Khan Bahadur MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur:—“I will consider it.”

Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR:—“Will he also consider the suitability of authorizing the members of this House for such purposes by virtue of their office?”

The hon. Khan Bahadur MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur:—
“Certainly I will consider it.”

Emigrant ships from Madras.

* 121 Q.—Mr. J. A. SALDANHA: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to refer to his answer to question No. 520 given on 19th March 1925 (XXIII-277) as to the information required in connexion with emigrant ships and state—

(a) how many ships sailed from Madras and other ports in this Presidency conveying emigrants since January 1925;

(b) how many passengers did each ship convey; and

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(c) whether this Government have had any correspondence on the subject of the inadequacy of accommodation and comforts in these ships with the Government of India within the last one year, and if so, with what results?

A.—(a) & (b) A statement^a is placed on the table of the House.

(c) The attention of the hon. Member is invited to the answer to clause (a) of question No. 156.

Mr. J. A. SALDANHA :—“ Sir, I find from the papers supplied in answer to this question that S.S. *Tara* carried passengers numbering 333 up to a maximum of 1,617. I want to know whether the latter number is not excessive considering the size and capacity of the vessel? ”

The hon. Khan Bahadur MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—“ If the hon. Member writes to me I shall be able to supply the information. I cannot answer the question off-hand.”

Mr. T. ADINARAYANA CHETTIYAR :—“ With reference to clause (c), have the Government received any inspection report after inspection of the vessels by the Collector of Madras within the last six months? ”

The hon. Khan Bahadur MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—“ I am unable to say definitely.”

Mr. T. ADINARAYANA CHETTIYAR :—“ Will he kindly place on the table the report, if any, on the matter? ”

The hon. Khan Bahadur MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—“ I will consider the question.”

Mr. SAMI VENKATACHALAM CHETTIYAR :—“ May I propose to the hon. the Home Member to be good enough to pay a visit to the ship when these coolies are embarked and examine the condition of the ship? ”

The hon. Khan Bahadur MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—“ I will consider it.”

Forests.

Permit for cattle-grazing in Melarasampattu village.

* 122 Q.—Mr. T. ADINARAYANA CHETTIYAR : Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state with reference to answer given to interpellations Nos. 127 and 425 of the meeting of the Council in February and March 1925, respectively, whether the Chief Conservator of Forests finds any difficulty in allowing cattle to graze in all the four blocks in Melarasampattu village taking out a single permit?

A.—A copy of the Chief Conservator's report with its enclosure is placed on the Council Table.^b

Disafforestation of Kudiramoli reserve.

* 123 Q.—Mr. A. CHIDAMBARA NADAR : Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state whether any proposal for disafforestation of a portion of Kudiramoli reserve forest in Tinnevely district has been received by the Government?

^a Printed as Appendix VIII on pages 268-269 infra.

^b Printed as Appendix IX on pages 269-270 infra.